

**Harrington Park Recreation Committee**  
**Minutes**  
**Wednesday, April 17, 2019**

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER 8:00pm**

**Chairman's Announcement**

In compliance with Chapter 231, Public Law 1975, adequate notice of the scheduled meeting was made. It is posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Center. Copies have been mailed to the BERGEN RECORD, SUBURBANITE, and THE NORTHERN VALLEY PRESS. A copy has been filed with the Borough Clerk, and copies have been mailed to individuals requesting the same.

**2. ROLL CALL**

<b>COMMISSION Members</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
(CD) Charles DeGruccio (chairman)	X	
(PB) Paul Baly (vice-chairman)		X
(LC) Lynne Cappelmann	X	
(TD) Thomas Donnelly		X
(PK) Patrick (Kelly) Kramer	X (8:12pm)	
(AP) Ashely Plescia		X
(LT) Lara Toomin	X	

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Joon Chung, Council Liaison (JC)

Ann Bistriz (ALB), Borough Clerk filling in for Carolyn Lee, Sec'y

**3. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC**

**4. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

**a. Approval of Minutes (March 20, 2019)**

Motion LC

Second KK

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**5. UPDATES**

**a. Finance and Budget**

BB/SB budget is around \$20,000-approximately \$7,000 for uniforms.

Umpire fees are \$1,500-\$2,000-CD noted that we need to make sure that the umpire fees are not in arrears from previous years

LC inquired into funds remaining from previous commissioners who collected fees. JC stated that the Borough has reached out but they have not responded. It may be best to move forward.

Sports fees may change next year since this year the costs were estimated. The intention is to try to lower them in the future. This will be revisited later this year. It should be noted that in this year's fees, full uniforms are included (not just T-shirts).

Right now there is a waiting list of children who want to play.

LT-Soccer sign up will be next-starting in June with late fees in July.

**b. Field Requests**

**A. Memorial Day Concert - Junior Woman's Club-Ms. Lee will need to follow up.**

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- B. CD has received the annual request from the Bike group
- C. **Still need to hear back from NV Knights-a COI is needed so they can use the fields.** JC suggested that is CD does not hear back from the Commissioner that the Borough Attorney can send a letter explaining protocol. If need be, a new person can be appointed to represent the Borough for NV Knights.
- D. **LT reported that there are lots of teams and the fields are full.** JC recommended that the police know the schedule so they can remove unauthorized users of the field if there is any adversity.
- E. **JC noted that everyone needs to understand that Recreation is a new organized partnership with sports and that we will stick to our guns about requirements and procedures.** Recreation was unaware of how everything was organized, and collectively working towards straightening everything out.
- c. **School Coordination-none**
- d. **Sports Coordination**
  - A. **Baseball/Softball/T-ball**
    - i. **Update**
    - ii. **Opening Day-9:30am – Mayor Hoelscher will throw the opening pitch.**
- e. **Town Programs**
  - A. **Fishing Derby (June 16, 2019)**

CD and KK will run event-all volunteers are welcome Carolyn Lee will pick up prizes and will call to get the pond stocked. ALB suggested to reach out to John Gorman or Franklin Sir for Boy or Cub Scouts to help or sell refreshments.
  - B. **Town Day (Sept. 7, 2019)**

JC will set up a meeting next week to discuss National Night Out and Town Day. It is important to represent all our community groups as well as our residents. Before any decisions on combining events, a thorough discussion needs to be had.
  - C. **Ragamuffin (Oct. 26, 2019)**
- f. **Park & Playground Maintenance**
  - i. **Field Maintenance**

**LT noted that Peter Toomin would like to change the locks on the Hut and the shed** since they now are storing new equipment and too many people have access to their areas. Pad locks can be purchased to replace –if under \$50 can be submitted as petty cash. ALB added that extra sets can be kept at Borough Hall and DPW should have a set.

**Discussion followed regarding Field Pro**-KK had concerns that Field Pro is pushing for projects that are outside the scope of the contract and should instead concentrate on specifics that the Borough has requested. Outside work can be discussed once what we need is completed.

JC and LT agreed that the DPW is really pitching in this year.

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**The sheds and trailers for storage need to be addressed** since several are in bad shape and are also not secure.

**Wasps, bees and other insects need to be addressed.** JC should be kept in the loop, to call in the appropriate professional.

- g. **Tennis-no sale of tags this year since the courts are in such terrible shape.**

**6. PROJECTS**

- a. **Grant Update-** Recreation (JC CD LC) will meet with Greg Polyniak from Neglia Engineering to discuss the parameters of the Pavilion Project.

**7. OTHER ITEMS**

**Defibrillators on playing fields-**JC spoke with Barry Wood from the HPVAC. He explained what this entails and where to purchase. HPVAC can teach CPR to coaches. The units cost approximately \$1500 and the pads are \$100 each. All has a shelf life.

Discussion followed and will be revisited. It may be more prudent to rely on the first responders since convenient placement is a consideration. Police and EMTs have Defibs on board when they respond.

ALB and JC will look into the possibility of grants.

**Suggestion of Heart/Chest protection for players is strongly recommended.** Members discussed how they can get this important message out to the participants.

**Soccer would like to purchase a storage shed for their equipment on Highland Field.** Much of it is stored off sight.

**The Plescia family has offered to move the bleachers at Pondside Park.**

**8. ADJOURN-9:13PM**

MOTION: CD

SECOND: LC

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**NEXT MEETING**

Next regularly scheduled meeting is May 15, 2019 at 8pm.